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Comment Of The Day

Korea debacle

MR Christian Herter's sharp criticism of South Korea's "repressive measures" to put down student demonstrations will win loud cheers throughout Asia. For years a regime masquerading under the guise of democracy has lectured its despotic neighbours on the meaning of freedom, ignoring the travesty within its own borders. Now is the time for President Syngman Rhee to begin the long overdue business of putting his own house in order.

The American State Department made this amply clear when it publicly supported the statement by its ambassador in Seoul, Mr Walter McCauley. This spoke of the "justifiable grievances" of the rioters which included irregularities during the March presidential elections. In fact the ambassador's statement prejudices the inquiry which the South Korean authorities have been forced to initiate and this puts President Rhee in an embarrassing and difficult position.

If the South Korean Supreme Court, which has been given the responsibility of conducting the inquiry, finds that no rigging has occurred, this might aggravate tension and evoke more violent measures against the regime. The dissidents, moreover, are now assured of American support. And what observers will be only too ready to read between the lines of the State Department statement is an implied threat that unless President Rhee does do something there will be an "agonising reappraisal" of American aid to his country.

To what extent this will convince the aging head of state, now in his fourth term of office, it is hard to tell. It would be tempting to believe that the loss of almost 160 lives would be enough to force his hand. Rightly he should resign immediately, institute free elections and leave the country's government to younger and more democratic-minded men.

But the wily, old octogenarian is unlikely to give up so easily. He displayed plenty of fight as recently as last month in the elections. And he realises that only defence support and economic aid in significant quantities will keep the northern wolf from the South Korean door. He realises also that America is as determined as he is that South Korea should remain outside the Communist orbit. American action could therefore only make his position uncomfortable, but not untenable.

HOWEVER if America is going to continue to provide economic props for Korea it should insist on making life for Rhee's political opponents less hazardous by instituting more political freedom in the land. Since the last Presidential election, the Progressive Party, which urged peaceful means of reunifying South and North Korea, has been outlawed and its leader executed. And during the recent election campaign two Democratic campaigners met violent deaths and others were impeded. These are but a few examples of the contempt with which Rhee's so-called Liberals treat opposition.

South Korea's allies in the recent war would do well to remind this stubborn, autocratic old man that this is not the kind of political freedom which more than 70,000 United Nations troops gave up their lives to defend in the fight against Communist invasion.

POISON BID: ISRAEL ACCUSED

Egypt tells of crackdown on spy rings

Cairo, Apr. 20.

The United Arab Republic has officially accused Israel of trying to poison President Nasser.

A Greek waiter accused of making the poisoning attempt, as well as two Italians and one Dutchman are among those arrested in a vast crackdown on alleged Israeli spy rings announced by a Government spokesman today.

The spokesman said altogether six separate cases will be brought to trial before a civilian court on May 1.

The Dutchman and the Italian here grouped in the first case which is separate from the poisoning attempt. New details were given about the first case.

Principal 'spy'

The Dutchman was identified only as Meewis Gouda-ward and referred to by the spokesman as "one of the principal spies for the Israeli Intelligence Service."

The Italian, identified as Raimondo Di Pietro and Ferdinand Paccolla, were identified as important spies for Israel's Intelligence Service.

The Greek waiter involved in the poisoning case was identified as George Estratiou Stamatou, a waiter at the Gropi cafe and entering establishment. In the same case, another Greek national, Nicolas George Coys was arrested.

The UAR Government spokesman said no other foreigners were involved so far in any of the cases.

Egyptians held

Many Egyptians have been arrested, but the exact number was not announced. One Egyptian arrested was identified only as a son-in-law of a former Prime Minister. Another was an employee of a big company who "used his talents and the resources of his company on behalf of Israel's intelligence."

Referring to the foreigners involved in the case, the spokesman declared: "Foreign elements which predominate in these cases have lived in and been generously treated by our country. Even those who consider themselves Arabs have a foreign element in the family or are people who bear favour for our Arab society in its revolutionary aspect and followed the path of treason against the society they envy."

The government spokesman said one of the foreigners involved had travelled frequently between Egypt and other countries and these trips had attracted suspicion.—AP.

Townsend in London but not for wedding

London, Apr. 20. Group Capt. Peter Townsend, Princess Margaret's ex-suitor, has slipped quietly into London. It was learned today that he won't be attending Princess Margaret's wedding.

Peter Townsend and his wife, Maria-Louise, said they were here for a couple of days. Asked by a reporter of the London Evening News if he had received a wedding invitation, he said: "That is something I really can't discuss."

He also said he wouldn't discuss a possible visit to Lawrence House, Princess Margaret's residence. The News said this, however, remained a possibility, since Group Capt. Townsend and Margaret have remained good friends and Townsend had said after the Princess's engagement to Mr Antony Armstrong-Jones was announced that he had known about the romance.—UPI.

South Africa may ease racial policy

Johannesburg, Apr. 20.

The South African Government is considering easing up its racial policy.

There is no question of abandoning the policy of apartheid, but of humanising and improving the material conditions of the African negro majority.

Representations by business circles anxious to prevent further strikes and to satisfy world opinion so as to avoid the economic isolation of South Africa, the growing pressure of the Afrikaner Press, worried by the wave of world reprobation, and discreet remarks by the Dutch Reformed Church have produced their first echo in Government circles.

One of the principal members of the Cabinet, Lands Forestry and Public Works Minister, Mr P. O. Sauer, has announced that the Union was ready to reconsider "in earnest and honestly" its attitude towards Africans.—AFP.

EVEN HK COULDN'T HOLD HER

London, Apr. 20.

Miss Magda Hoffrichter an attractive German photographer set out from London to see the romance of the East.

But she found romance before she got there aboard the liner Canton taking her to Hongkong. She fell in love with a ship's electrician Mr Peter Moore. And instead of leaving ship in Hongkong she booked a passage back to London.

Now she has gone to stay with Mr Moore's parents in Bury-in-Furness.

But Miss Hoffrichter has only been given permission to stay in Britain for a month. She has no labour permit.

Said Mr Moore: "We shall apply for an extension. It is possible Magda will be allowed to stay if she gets a job doing domestic work.—London Express Service.

STOP PRESS

RHEE CABINET TO RESIGN?

Seoul, Apr. 21. The independent news-paper Hankook Ilbo said today that President Rhee's 12-man Cabinet had decided to resign, thus taking the blame for the bloody riots which have swept through the country. The paper quoted reliable sources, but there was no official confirmation.—AP.



Gen. Sir Edric Bastyan's last march past in HK

Big crowds lined Kowloon roads this morning to watch more than 3,000 men and women of the three forces march past the Officer Administering the Government, Mr Claude Burgess at the Queen's Birthday Parade.

Colonies residents saw every section of the army represented in the march past.

For the first time Centurion tanks rumbled past the saluting dais. Freshly painted and polished, units of the First Royal Tank Regiment followed the marching contingents.

The mechanised army units also included fork-lift trucks, heavy duty tractors, as well as the "weirdies" of the 54 Independent Field Squadron, Royal Engineers—the lorry-mounted crane, motorised grader and excavator.

176 VEHICLES

A total of 176 vehicles took part in the parade and 70 guns of different varieties including the heavy pieces of the Royal Artillery, anti-aircraft guns, machine guns and mortars.

Dogs and mules and their attendants were also in the parade.

The Royal Army Medical Corps marched past to the strains of "Here's a health unto Her Majesty."

The Royal Hongkong Defence Force was represented by the men and women of the local Navy, Air Force, Army and Home Guard units.

The magnificent parade was the culmination of weeks of planning and rehearsals.

Timing was a special problem. The Gurkha march at much faster rate than their British comrades-in-arms and because of this the Gurkha contingents made a diversion along Chatham Road to arrive at the saluting base exactly on time.

THE SALUTE

With Mr Burgess on the saluting dais were Lt-General Sir Edric M. Bastyan, Commander British Forces, Commander A. R. L. Butler and Air

Commodore P. L. Donkin, both making their first appearance at a Queen's Birthday Parade in Hongkong.

It was the last parade for Sir Edric Bastyan who leaves the Colony soon.

Mr Burgess was dressed in morning coat and carried a top hat. Service chiefs were resplendent in dress uniforms and around the dais was a large gathering of members of the Consular Corps, Executive, Legislative and Urban Councils and prominent residents.

The parade was commanded by Brigadier D. D. McCrory, Commander 48 Gurkha Infantry Brigade Group. He led the march past the saluting base. He was accompanied by Commander T. C. Moyrick of the Royal Navy and Wing Commander R. C. Rotherham of the RAF.

MARCH PAST

Before the march past began, a ceremony symbolising the arrival of the Queen, was enacted on the dais. This included a Royal Salute, the breaking of the Royal Standard and the playing of the national anthem.

In honour of the Queen a 21-gun salute was fired by a troop of 5 Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, interrupted by three volleys of a full-de-joke fired by the First Bn of the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers.

Among the Naval contingent marching today were men from a number of destroyers and frigates in port for the occasion.

The parade concluded with a flypast by Army and RAF aircraft including three Avro Tutor planes of the Army Air Corps, five twin-boom Venom jets and a Canberra medium jet bomber.

This afternoon several thousand residents will attend a garden party in the grounds of Government House.

Sharpeville shooting inquiry Police opened fire without orders

Vereniging, Apr. 20.

Police opened fire without being ordered to do so outside Sharpeville police station on March 21 when 67 Africans were killed; a police officer told the resumed judicial inquiry here today.

Captain H. G. Theron said he went to Sharpeville with 10 white and nine African policemen. The white policemen had shotguns, rifles and revolvers, the Africans had only knobkerries.

When he arrived at Sharpeville police station there were about 10,000 to 15,000 Africans there and the crowd was steadily increasing.

"Everything then went very quickly," Captain Theron said. "Stones were thrown at the police and one policeman grabbed at his face as if an object had

struck him. Without being ordered, one of our men fired a shot and other shots followed."

Capt. Theron said that he and Police Colonel Pienaar ordered the men to stop firing by shouting and waving their arms and "they did so."

Before the stone-throwing he heard two shots seemingly coming from the crowd, which had been pushing against the wire fence near the station and was "full of threats."

They shouted "Africa for Africans" and some women spat at the police. At the time of the shooting

the crowd was between 15,000 and 20,000 strong.

Capt. Theron said the police "probably fired, because the crowd had burst in at a gate, two shots had been fired, and stones and other objects were being thrown."

"They possibly thought they were in mortal danger," Capt. Theron said.

In his view, if the police had not fired they would have been overrun. There were standing instructions that the police must not fire unless ordered to do so, except when in mortal danger, he added.—Reuters.

THE QUEEN'S THANKS TO HK

The Queen today sent a cable to the Officer Administering the Government, Mr Claude Burgess, expressing her sincere thanks for his message of birthday greetings on behalf of the people of Hongkong.

Horried onlookers see man's death fall

Sydney, Apr. 20. Two workmen today crashed to their deaths in Sydney suburbs before the eyes of horrified but helpless onlookers.

In Redfern a man watched his brother plunge 100 feet from a radio tower at the police transmitting centre.

The man, James Meyer, 55, contractor, crashed onto asphalt and died instantly.

Meyer and his brother were in business "chairs" doing maintenance work on opposite sides of the radio tower.

It is believed a hook holding Meyer's "chair" slipped as he was changing his position around the side of the tower top.

The other victim was Colin Anthony, 25, carpenter, who suffered a fractured skull when scaffolding on which he was working collapsed.

Anthony was dead when an ambulance arrived.—China Mail Special.

Himmler's former doctor dies

Bonn, Apr. 20. Dr Felix Kersten, Nazi leader Heinrich Himmler's personal doctor, credited with saving thousands of lives during World War II by interceding with his patient, has died here.

An official of the city hospital said German-born Dr Kersten, who had Finnish nationality, was taken ill on a journey from Stockholm to Düsseldorf and died last Saturday.

Dr Kersten brought the Nazi leader relief. The doctor said in his autobiography that when Himmler had several attempts on his life he persuaded him to spare countless concentration camp inmates and improve the conditions in occupied countries, above all in Holland.—Reuters.

Golfer knocks out town's power

Winsted, Conn., Apr. 20. An unidentified golfer knocked out most of this town's power when one mighty swing yesterday.

Witnesses said the club slipped from his hands and landed on a power line, creating a short circuit that disrupted electrical service for nearly an hour.—UPI.

Gluckmann thwarted in solo flight attempt

Tokyo, Apr. 21.

U.S. "Flying Watchmaker" Peter Gluckmann, thwarted by bad weather in his attempt to establish a new non-stop solo flight record between Hongkong and San Francisco, flew into Tokyo this morning.

He arrived at Tokyo International Airport at 6.12 a.m.

"I turned back because I ran into bad, turbulent weather," he told United Press International shortly after he landed at the airport.

He explained that he took off from Hongkong at 10.14 a.m. yesterday but ran into bad weather some 300 miles east of Matsushima, northern Honshu, some 17 hours after he had taken off from Hongkong.

The 34-year-old Gluckmann was attempting the non-stop flight in a single-engine Bonanza Beechcraft plane.

He did not disclose his further plans but said he hoped to rest up a day or so before deciding what to do next.

He had hoped to make the flight between Hongkong and San Francisco in around 55 hours, he said.—UPI.

Small plane hits airliner and blows up

Hickory, N.C., Apr. 20. A private plane collided with a Piedmont F-27 turbo-prop airliner and disintegrated over the Hickory airport today, killing its four occupants.

The commercial airliner, with 36 passengers and a crew of three aboard, landed safely despite wing damage.

Officials said the accident occurred as both planes tried to land on the same runway simultaneously.

Witnesses said the Cessna 310 appeared to cut across in front of the airliner as it approached the runway for a landing. The airliner's propellers bit into the light plane, shearing off one wing and smaller parts of the fuselage. The Cessna plunged to the ground nose down and crashed about 300 yards north of the runway.—UPI.

Another bomb incident

Kampala, Apr. 20. Three Africans, and a woman, were arrested on the outskirts of Kampala about midnight last night after a bomb explosion near an African beer bar, police announced today.

The bomb—believed to have been made with gelignite—was the sixth of its kind to explode in the Kampala area recently. Police attributed the incident to terrorist action in support of a non-African trade boycott in Buganda.

A previous bomb, also placed in an African beer bar, failed to explode and experts have been called in to examine it.—Reuters.

AMERICA WILLING TO CONSIDER INTERIM BERLIN SETTLEMENT

New York, Apr. 20.

Mr Douglas Dillon, the Under-Secretary of State, said tonight that the United States was willing to consider "interim arrangements" to reduce tensions in Berlin and lessen present dangers.

But, he added in a speech at a trade union conference, "We are determined to maintain our presence in Berlin and to preserve its ties with the Federal Republic."

He said Mr Khrushchev was "skating on very thin ice" in his recent statements about Soviet intentions to sign a separate peace treaty with East Germany.

CHANNEL STUDY GROUP

London, Apr. 20. The tunnel under the English Channel could not go into service before 1967 at the earliest, Mr Leo Delinger, British member of the Channel Tunnel study group and President of the Channel Tunnel Company said today.

He told a press conference that everything depended on the British and French Governments.

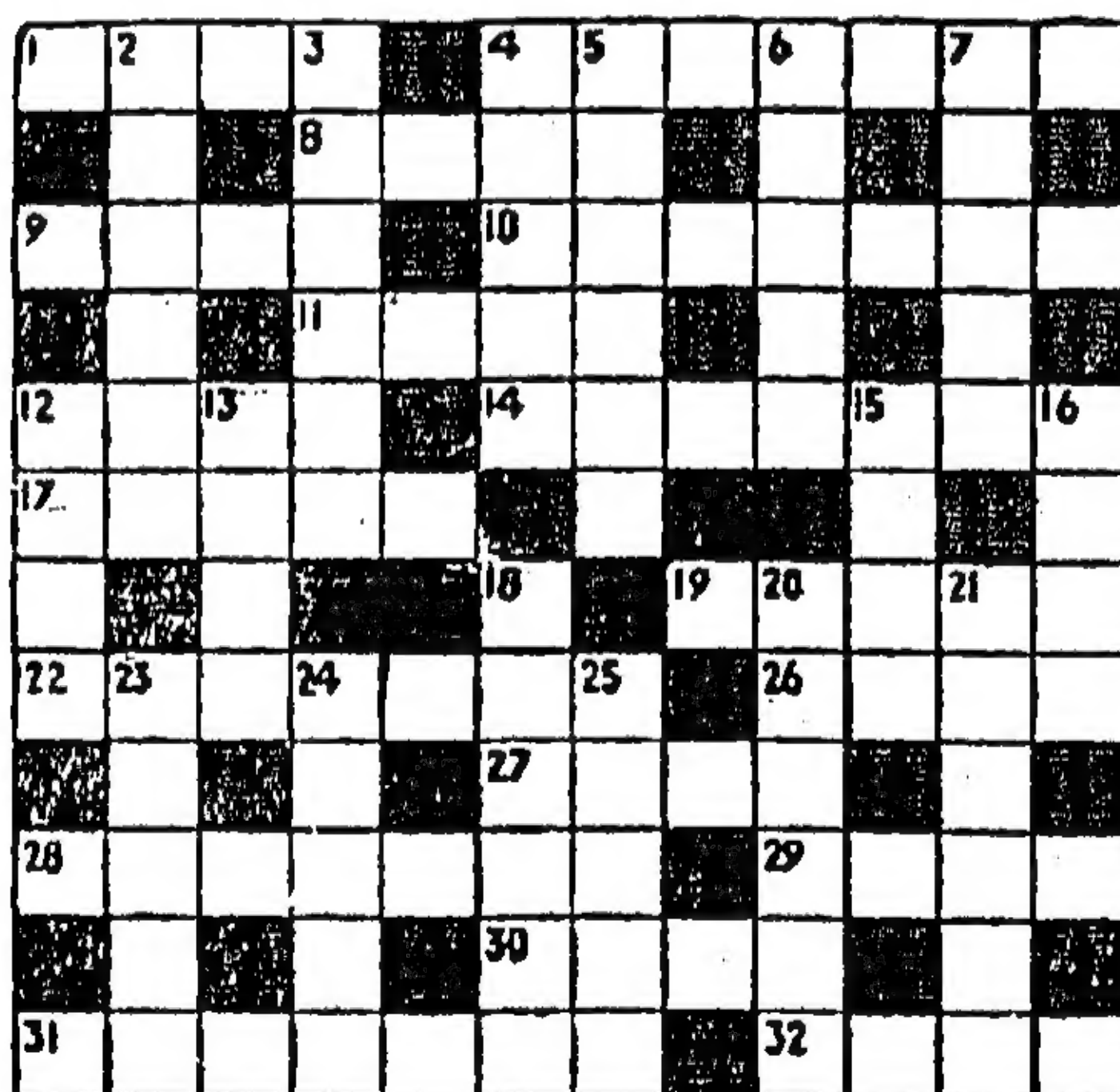
The study group's report had been submitted to them. So far there was nothing to indicate their attitude to the tunnel.

He said that if the two Governments finally gave their authorisation, the negotiation of a Franco-British treaty, parliamentary approval and other indispensable formalities would take nine to 12 months at least.

FIVE YEARS

Another year would be necessary to prepare for work, get together the capital, and the actual boring would not begin before another two years and take five years to complete, Mr Delinger said. The study group had not taken into consideration the possibility of a new war. He said it was up to the Governments to decide in the framework of a treaty, what would become of the tunnel in the event of an invasion of the Continent.—AFP.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- So it could be shut (4).
 - Old fellows at the end of the line (7).
 - Four-headed Russian (4).
 - Of considerable volume (4).
 - Get into garments, maybe (7).
 - Fat of the thistle (4).
 - The remainder relax (4).
 - Members of the family are told (7).
 - Prize money, as it were (5).
 - Flowed back (5).
 - Immortal growth? (3, 4).
 - Snafes (4).
 - A Lancashire Laddie (4).
 - Making things hum? (7).
 - Really tasty (4).
 - Quote in some excitement (4).
 - Helpful advice if you want to make a point (7).
 - No cautious doctor would ignore it (4).
- DOWN**
- There are two in Westminster the Home Office uses (6).
 - Forty winks? (6).
 - Roundabout (5).
 - How we stand (6).
 - She's found in most countries (5).
 - Heron river (5).
 - Got up, but still to be found in bed (4).
 - Floating matter (4).
 - Politician thump them (4).
 - Useless garments? (4).
 - Sitting (6).
 - Prohibitionist standard? (6).
 - Times in which the empress Bobby upside-down (6).
 - Tree which makes a learner roguish (6).
 - Vocalist (5).
 - Nip's part of Scotland (5).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Egrets, 5 Pelts, 8 After, 9 Ernest, 10 Robin, 11 Humid, 12 Ho-ho, 13 Delta, 14 St-ode, 15 Nepal, 20 Title, 22 Pair, 23 Ocean, 25 Adopt, 26 Go-ring, 27 Ernes, 28 Andie, 29 Desert, Down: 1 Elephant, 2 Run short, 3 Dash, 4 Situate, 5 Pedit, 6 Ewoked, 7 Pain't, 14 Legible, 15 All right, 19 Spectre, 17 Ravaged, 19 Eloped, 21 Indus, 24 Noes.

REPUBLIC FAVOURED IN GHANA

Accra, Apr. 20.

Accra and Northern Ghana today voted heavily in favour of Ghana becoming a republic with Dr Kwame Nkrumah, the present Prime Minister as its president, unofficial results showed here tonight.

With today's voting over in the first part of the plebiscite, the five constituencies in Accra and district, and eight northern constituencies had voted as follows:

Nkrumah for president: 56,339
Dankwah for president: 10,606
In favour of republic: 56,989
Against a republic: 20,365
Doctor Joseph Donkoh, leader of the opposition United Party in Ghana, was Dr Nkrumah's opponent in the presidential poll.

The second stage of the plebiscite, involving the Ashanti and Volta regions, takes place on Saturday.—Reuters.

China needed in community of nations

New York, Apr. 20.

Mr Walter Reuther, a top American labour leader, declared tonight that the United States must abandon its "negative approach" and face the question of how China could enter the community of nations.

"If we are to act realistically and achieve disarmament," he said, "the United States must abandon its negative approach to China and come to grips with the question of how and under what specific conditions mainland China can work its way back into the community of nations."

"No nuclear test ban and no disarmament agreement can be meaningful without the participation of China."

Mr Reuther, who was speaking at a world affairs conference, is a vice-president of the American Federation of Labour.—Reuters.

33 KILLED

Bogota, Apr. 20.

Thirty-three persons were killed and 19 survived in the crash of a Colombian airline C-46 passenger plane at Bogota's international airport on Tuesday night.

The Lloyd Aereo Colombiano passenger plane, arriving from Miami, crashed as it prepared to land in a fog.—AP.

Turks arrested

Damascus, Apr. 20.

The Syrian security authorities today arrested four Turks in Qamishli, north Syria, on charges of illegally crossing the border.

Officials alleged that the Turks were smugglers.—Reuters.

Unfurled swastika: arrested

Duisburg, Apr. 20.

A West German barge owner was arrested today on the 71st anniversary of Adolf Hitler's birth for unfurling a swastika flag as he sailed down the Rhine earlier this week.

A local court issued the warrant this morning for the arrest of 56-year-old Wilhelm Bloch of Duisburg-Ruhrort, who hoisted the Nazi flag on the stern of his barge as it

The 'untouchable' Karima



Miss Egypt 1958, 24-year-old Karima Bassiuni, is suing her 30-year-old millionaire husband Ahmad Bassiuni for divorce—on the ground that every time he kisses her, he faints. Ahmad admitted in court that she is so beautiful that each time he touches, let alone kisses, her his heart flutters and he passes out. The judge was on Karima's side, claiming that he could never allow such a beautiful woman to go through life without kisses and caresses. To Ahmad he said: "I give you until June 1 to get cured of your timidity. If your wife returns to testify that you still can't take it, I shall be bound to grant her a divorce."

Independence soon for Sierra Leone

London, Apr. 20.

Delegates to the Sierra Leone constitutional conference which opened here today have already virtually attained their first target—the promise of independence.

At the formal opening session the Colonial Secretary, Mr Ian Macleod, told them, "Let me say here and now that I recognise the strength of your aspirations on the attainment of independence at an early date."

Later he asked "What then has this conference to do? I suggest it need not spend time in conversing me or Her Majesty's Government to the principle of independence. That is agreed to now without further ado."

Confident

Mr Macleod added that he was confident that they would be able to agree on the date and on the measures that must be taken beforehand.

The 24 Sierra Leone delegates to the conference are seeking independence on December 7 this year—the 65th birthday of their Premier, Sir Milton Margai.

Sierra Leone itself, about the size of Ireland, consists of a small colony and a much larger protectorate, and lies between the recently independent Republic of Guinea and Liberia, West Africa's oldest independent state.—Reuters.

Complicated inside

London, Apr. 20.

Mr John Gunther, the American author whose "Inside" books are best sellers around the world, said here today he shuddered at the thought of doing an "Inside England."

Questioned by a reporter after his arrival here yesterday on an 11-day trip to Britain, he said: "There is too much inside England. It would take years and years because of the complexities of your social structure, your politics, and your manners."—China Mail Special.

AMERICAN SHIP PICKETED

Damascus, Apr. 20.

The American cargo ship Exminister was picketed today when she arrived at Latakia.

Dock workers said they also refused to unload four other American ships due to arrive at Latakia and Banias later.

The 6,665-ton Exminister, of the Export Lines, Inc., entered Latakia at 4 a.m.

Officials said the dock workers were taking the action against American ships in retaliation for picketing of the United Arab Republic ship Cleopatra in New York.

Names of the other four American ships due to arrive today were not immediately available.

A spokesman for the workers said two American ships called on Latakia but Syrian dock workers refused to unload them.—UPI.

Putting troops to work

Taipei, Apr. 20.

The Chinese Nationalist Government has decided to use troops for the economic development of Formosa.

Vice-President and Premier Chen Cheng, who returned to Taipei today from a tour of Central Formosa, said if the 600,000 troops were to work for 10 days a year on various projects, this would represent six million man-days of labour.

The Vice-President said use of troops for the reconstruction of this island would be on a long-term basis. They will work largely on water conservancy and communications, he said.—AP.

CHOU AND NEHRU HOPE FOR EARLY SETTLEMENT

New Delhi, Apr. 20.

At a banquet given in his honour here tonight Mr Chou En-lai said that although certain difficulties had arisen between India and China on frontier problems, and certain unfortunate incidents had occurred this should not shake the foundations of the old friendship between the two peoples.

Mr Chou said that we urgently need an environment of lasting peace so that we can devote all of our efforts to construction within the country.

He said that India and China were making constant efforts to assure peace in Asia and the world.

Mr Chou said it must be particularly noted that the "Fascist" and militarist forces which started the last world war, encouraged by certain influential circles were today reviving and again threatening the peace and security of the world.

Temporary nature

In Mr Chou's opinion the border question was of a limited and temporary nature only compared with the fundamental question of preserving friendly co-operation between the two countries.

He quoted a Chinese proverb showing its relative importance as only one finger out of 10.

Mr Chou said that while recognising the difficulties involved there were favourable conditions for settling the question.

He said it was possible to find a fair and reasonable settlement to the border question between the two countries.

In conclusion Mr Chou stressed the need for peace in Asia and the world.

The Indian Premier, Mr Nehru, proposing Mr Chou's health, said that a solution to

the Sino-Indian dispute should be found that was in harmony with the dignity and respect of both countries and in the interest of the wider cause of peace in Asia and in the world.

Mr Nehru, addressing himself directly to the Chinese leader, said that Mr Chou had come to India at a critical time. Many things had been done that must be undone, and much had been said which would have been better left unsaid, Mr Nehru added.

Mr Nehru said that he and Mr Chou were meeting at a difficult and crucial moment in the history of the world and in Sino-Indian relations.

Both sides should pray for success so that they would be faithful to their past and to their future, Mr Nehru said.

He assured Mr Chou that the Indian side would do all in its power in order that efforts to reach agreement should be crowned with success and should lead to the maintenance of peace with dignity and in respect for two great countries—China and India.

Past friendship

Mr Nehru recalled the past friendship and co-operation between India and China.

However, he added, they were meeting under different circumstances today, when serious differences had cropped up between them.—AFP.

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ALL QUIET IN SEOUL

But big death toll

Seoul, Apr. 21.
Heavily armed police and troops brought quiet to this troubled capital today.

GERMAN MINISTER TRIED IN ABSENTIA

Berlin, Apr. 20.
The trial of the West German Minister, Professor Theodor Oberlander, opened in his absence before a battery of film cameras and spotlights in the East German Supreme Court here today.

The acting prosecutor, Walter Fank, reading the 50-page indictment, told the court: "Oberlander was a sadist before whom even the German officers trembled in fear."

He said that in the Caucasus during World War II, Dr. Oberlander had personally shot and killed at least 15 people in a prison in the presence of several officers.

The prisoners included a woman teacher whom Dr. Oberlander ordered guards to strip.

Dr. Oberlander is accused of murder, incitement to murder, and taking part in a conspiracy to commit murder.

The trial follows attacks on Dr. Oberlander from East Germany and Russia for his Nazi past, and participation in alleged war crimes on the Eastern front.

He has denied the charges as "monstrous lies."—Reuter.

BOAT AGROUND

U.S. NAVY TO RESCUE

Manila, Apr. 20.
A U.S. Navy boat and a search plane early today rushed to waters off Palawan island to aid 110 passengers of a Philippine fishing boat which ran aground in the area.

A spokesman at the Manila Rescue and Co-ordination Centre said the location of the boat, the MV Marlin has been pinpointed at the Amer Douglas Reef formation in the China Sea, east of Palawan.

HELP
The spokesman said so far there are no reports on the fate of the passengers.

The fishing boat ran aground this morning and immediately radioed for help. It was unable to give its exact position, saying only that it was in distress in the South China Sea.—UPI.

German pilots for France?

Paris, Apr. 20.
The newspaper France Soir said today the West German Air Force would soon be given training facilities at the French air bases of Comal, Western France, and Istres, near Marseilles.

The newspaper said that negotiations between France and Germany on the facilities were being concluded.—Reuter.

President Syngman Rhee pledged to correct all "major causes of discontent" behind South Korea's violent anti-Government uprising—if they are such causes—once martial law is lifted.

The last major group of demonstrators in Seoul area, an anti-Government mob of several hundred youths with a handful of carbines and seized weapons, was broken up after several members were shot in exchanges with police in the northeast outskirts.

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Into Spanish bullring from English altar

Kent, Apr. 20.
Vincent Hitchcock, 32, has returned to the Spanish bullring — two days after going through a second marriage service with his wife.

She and their three children are to remain here at their 14th century farmhouse home.

Hitchcock and his wife Jacqueline were first married in a London register office in 1952. Recently they joined the Roman Catholic Church.

They went through the ceremony again on Easter Sunday at Faversham Roman Catholic Church.

Hitchcock is trying to make a come-back to bullfighting, and has his first fight next week.

He has been training throughout the winter on his farm, helped by Jacqueline, who played the part of the bull.

Before sailing from Folkestone, Hitchcock said he had to prove himself to Spanish crowds before they would accept him again.

Mrs. Hitchcock said: "I knew it was no good trying to stop him."

"When I saw the look in his eyes as he fondled his cape and sword, I knew he would go whatever happened."

—China Mail Special.

GIFTS FOR MARGARET AND TONY

London, Apr. 20.
Princess Margaret and her fiancé, Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones, accepted wedding gifts from the Corporation of the City of London today.

The Lord Mayor, Sir Edmund Stockdale, presented a service of George the Third silver and a George the Third silver gift service in a ceremony at St James's Palace.

He also gave the couple a Chippendale mirror as a present from merchants and bankers in the city, the London Financial Quarter.—China Mail Special.

SILENT TRAIN LINES NOW

Cardiff, Apr. 20.
The familiar "clackety-clack" of train wheels is on the way out. British Railways announced here today.

The sound is made by train wheels passing over the little gaps between 60-foot lengths of rail.

After months of expert work, British Railways' western region found that it was practicable to weld the 60-foot rails together to make strips several miles long.

The gaps formerly left between the 60-foot rails were to allow for expansion but railway engineers found that only about 50 yards at each end of the longer rails were affected by expansion — whether the rail was one mile long or 10 miles.

Sixty miles of "silent line" have already been laid in Wales.

The announcement said the new rails were much cheaper to maintain than the old, which had 200 joints in one mile.—Reuter.

Comet observed in north Japan

Asahikawa, Apr. 20.
The Asahikawa observatory observers here in Japan's northernmost island of Hokkaido reported observing on Monday a comet, believed to be the Burman Comet.

The observatory said the comet was spotted at 3 a.m. (1800 GMT Sunday) about two degrees north-north-west of the star Theta in the Pegasus constellation.—UPI.

Van horses falling in numbers

London, Apr. 20.
Thousands of people lined the inner circle at Regents Park London to watch the Easter Parade of the London Van Horse Parade Society.

This year entries again showed a decline, totalling 74 compared with last year's 81.

Ninety working horses and ponies were on parade—singly, in pairs and in teams. One entry was a harness cab.

The Queen again sent a donation this year.

The Secretary Mr R. A. Brown said "because of the falling numbers, discussions are taking place about a combined parade with the London Cart Horse Parade Society. We both seem to have got to rock bottom in numbers now."

NO STABLES
"Owners are finding it more and more difficult to find stabling for their ponies. The recent rebuilding in so many areas has resulted in the demolition of many stables."

The parade is held to encourage those in charge of horses to take a humane and intelligent interest in their well-being and to encourage a spirit of kindness towards their animals.

The only Pearly King and Queen present, Mr and Mrs Bost Matthews of Hampstead attended the first parade 50 years ago.—China Mail Special.

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THE HIDDEN HISTORY OF IT ALL

THE hidden history of great national projects, especially those which come to scandalous failure, always makes more sense than the official line as dispensed in Parliament. Here, then, is the hidden history of the life and death of the Blue Streak rocket, which has been grounded before it even flew after the expenditure of more than £100 million.

Blue Streak, for which Mr Duncan Sandys will carry the political "can," was the brain-child of Mr Harold Macmillan and his scientific advisers when he was Defence Minister five years ago.

He conceived it then on the principle that without the independent means of delivering H-bombs Britain could not remain a top-class nation with real power in world affairs.

He continued this policy through Mr Sandys whom he placed in office to carry out his plans.

Now Mr Macmillan—and it is virtually Mr Macmillan alone—has killed Blue Streak. Why?

There is strong evidence for believing that the Minister is taking a calculated gamble—that world-wide nuclear disarmament is coming within the next five years.

If he is right, there will be no need for any new H-bomb carrying rocket. If he is wrong he will be able to buy an American substitute such as the Skybolt plane-launched missile.

That veto

Some new arrangement concerning missiles was certainly agreed when Mr Macmillan visited President Eisenhower, ostensibly to discuss atomic tests last month.

He was assured that the U.S. will sell them new missiles to Britain if we need them in five to ten years' time. (The Douglas Aircraft Company, which is to make Skybolt, has been pressing hard to secure export markets).

But I can disclose that there is no watertight agreement committing the future President or the future Congress to sell us missiles in a way which would provide nuclear independence.

Arrangements for the export of any U.S. nuclear weapon with or without the warhead has to be agreed in the detail by Congress, which has so far

always insisted on the right of veto on its use.

Neither President Eisenhower nor his successor can judge how Congress will react in five years' time.

Mr Macmillan, aware of these difficulties, has got his way because the men who would have resolutely opposed him were all removed six months ago.

It is no coincidence that there was a terrible clear-out at the Defence Ministry immediately after the election.

When Mr Sandys went, Sir Frederick Brundrett, the chief scientist, was retired though willing to serve longer. Sir Richard Powell, the Permanent Secretary, was moved.

So was the Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff.

Of the top men, only Earl Mountbatten remained. As First Sea Lord he had always opposed Blue Streak in favour of the submarine-borne Polaris missile.

When Skybolt, which needs a manned airplane to carry it, appeared on the drawing board the R.A.F. could not get rid of Blue Streak soon enough.

So when Mr Macmillan picked up the hatchet everyone moved in to help him.

Chapman Pincher

(London Express Service).



Ulanova and Fonteyn... AS RUSSIA'S GREAT

BALLERINA RETIRES, THE STAR OF COVENT

GARDEN TALKS ABOUT THE DANCER'S WORLD

In Moscow, Russia's prima ballerina Ulanova announced that she is to go into semi-retirement... and the Mail's man-on-the-spot sent this despatch.

FOR the dainty little woman with the grey-flecked bun of fair hair the evening stroll along the banks of her beloved Muscovy river was quite leisurely, quite unhurried.

For Galina Sergeevna Ulanova, the prima ballerina of all Russia, and, many say, the world, had nothing really to hurry for the other night.

At 50, she had accepted a grateful Government's pension of 4,000 roubles. The great Ulanova was in semi-retirement.

The loss

One has to be here to sense the feeling of loss among Moscow's balletomanes. It is as though Shearer, Fonteyn, and Helmann had all quit the stage on the same night.

For to Moscow, Ulanova and ballet are one and the same. Reigning in the grandiose, glittering palace of the Bolshoi Theatre, Ulanova has been the unswerving queen of the Soviet Union for nearly 20 years.

Now she is on a pension. At the official rate of exchange it is £36 a week, but in reality it is more like £50 a week.

That is a pretty handsome pension over here. It is, for instance, 1,000 roubles a month more than ex-Premier Marshal Nikolai Bulganin was given a few weeks ago.

It is four times the average wage paid to a worker in Moscow.

What sort of a woman is Ulanova to command a pension like this?

She is not a pretty woman. But she has a fine and strong face. And, of course, she moves with cat-like litheness and the flowing grace of a swan.

Luxury

With her artist husband, Rudin, she lives in an eight-room apartment on the ninth floor of the luxurious apartment block Vissotni Dom. This is one of the great wedding-cake-shaped buildings erected by Stalin. He, the man of steel, was one of the most ardent Ulanova fans.

All her life Ulanova has been a slave, as well as the consummate mistress, of her twinkling toes.

Her father was a ballet director in the grand old days of the Czars in gay St Petersburg (now Leningrad). Her mother was a ballerina and a teacher.

Ulanova's first stumbling steps as a toddler were led by her father into a dance.

"As far back as my memory goes, I have learned to cherish the flow of movement to music," she told people.

When her parents could teach her no more, and that was

when she was about 12, they sent her to the great Romanova and Vaganova.

Overnight, she was picked as a coming great of the ballet stage. At 18 she joined the Leningrad opera company and ballet theatre. And in 1944 the Bolshoi Theatre convinced her that she must come to Moscow to bring her career to full flower.

Awards

Modest, hard-working, and intelligent, the great ballerina loves luxury. She has two cars, a little green Volga she drives herself; and in the garage of the Vissotni Dom is a great silver-grey chauffeur-driven Mercury. It is the only one of its type in Moscow and Ulanova adores it.

She has four Stalin awards. And few people know that she has as many other decorations as any man in the Kremlin. She is also a member for Moscow of the Soviet Parliament.

Ulanova is not in permanent retirement. She danced on April 19 in "Romeo and Juliet."

But in all probability, I am told, she will never again be seen dancing on a stage outside the Soviet Union.

I am also told that under Soviet law she was entitled to take on her pension 12 years ago. That was after 20 years of devotion to the stage.

But she danced on. Now at last, has begun her last reluctant bow to advancing years.

But a spokesman for the Bolshoi Theatre tells me: "Whenever Ulanova wants to dance again the stage is hers."

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IN LONDON the other night Dame Margot Fonteyn, Britain's prima ballerina, talked about Ulanova's decision.

DAME MARGOT FONTEYN sat in the garden at her Kensington home and talked of Ulanova.

She said: "It will be sad not to see her dance again."

"She has such perfection of movement... such a flowing style so that there appears never to be a sharp break... such subtlety."

"Friends tell me of Pavlova and her style, but I was too young to see her. But watching Ulanova I understood what they meant."

"One does not, of course, try to copy, but one can learn. In dancing you try to create something, knowing what you are after but never being quite sure of what effect you have created."

Friendly

"I'm not sure that watching yourself again, on a film for example, is a good thing."

"I met Ulanova the first time in Brussels and we had lunch together and we talked. She is a warm, friendly person. I watched her dance then and of course again in London when she appeared here."

"If I could give a performance which pleased me as much as hers did then I would be happy. Perhaps I am among the four or five leading dancers in the world. I do not know."

"One does not think in terms of numbers or who is greater than whom. One dancer may be dramatic... another vital... according to the role, or the moment."

Before she reached her decision to stop dancing Ulanova had discussed how long she could carry on.

Perfection

The strain to reach utmost perfection is harsh for my ballerina. Ulanova said then: "I shall have to retire when I am no longer physically on top of the leading roles. Then I shall judge the moment when the audience feels that this is the case."

Dame Margot talked about this too. She said: "Judging the moment is the thing. I feel now that perhaps I am not going to improve... that I am on a sort of table top and I must know myself when to stop before I fall off the other side."

Ulanova also had a definite view on what she will do after retirement. "I haven't any inclination to direct a ballet school — or anything of that sort," Ulanova said. "I shall only give guidance on the interpretation of the main roles to the leading dancers."

Different

And here too there was a similarity of viewpoints between the great ballerinas. For Dame Margot said: "Dancing and teaching are two different things. I wouldn't want to teach either, but I can see that one could help with interpretation to another dancer."

Then the question of Ulanova's pension: for, of course, dancers even prima ballerinas at Covent Garden—have nothing to retire on apart from what they have saved themselves.

"Four thousand roubles a month," mused Dame Margot. "Well, I suppose we must remember that their ballet is more than 150 years older than ours, so we shall have to wait. But I don't expect to see it by the time I stop."

(London Express Service).

TALKING POINTS

The elder statesman is someone old enough to know his own mind and keep quiet about it. —BERNARD BARUCH.

★ ★ ★
Whoever profits by the crime is guilty of it. —FRENCH PROVERB.

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In love, one has need of being believed; in friendship, of being understood. —ABEL BONNARD.

★ ★ ★
Love is the salt of life. —JOHN SHEFFIELD.

★ ★ ★
There is one genuine love philtre—consideration. —MENANDER.

THE MAN WHO WANTS TO DO DOWN

'All things bright and beautiful'

by

KITTY DIXON

ALL things are not so bright and beautiful in Britain's classrooms when the children sing their morning hymns, it seems.

In fact, things are remarkably dull and often downright ugly, according to David Holbrook, the 37-year-old author, playwright, and sometime schoolmaster who is compiling a revolutionary new children's hymn book.

He is throwing out many old favourites, including "All Things Bright and Beautiful."

He says: "Hundreds of thousands of children are made to sing very bad hymns every morning."

"I'm going to produce a book which a teacher can use without blushing. There certainly isn't one available now."

'Taste'

Mr Holbrook believes that only one-third of the hymns in most books are suitable. Many teachers, he says, put aside the regulation books and search out new hymns with catchy words and lots of "beat."

The results? Disastrous, in Mr Holbrook's estimation.

One of his own three children recently came home from school chanting—

WE'RE GOING TO OUR FATHER'S MANSEIN
ON THE HAPPY DAY EXPRESS;
AND THE LETTERS ON THE ENGINE
SPELL J-E-S-U-S.

Mr Holbrook is excluding all hymns which he considers outdated and is adding new ones "in good taste," which teachers will be able to use as examples in poetry classes. "There is no need to go to extremes and jazz them up," he said.

Spirituals

In choosing his hymns, Mr Holbrook is relying on plain statement.

He does not want anything personal or sentimental. "I don't want any of that over-pious, stonily stuff. You know, wallowing in blood and dwelling on worshipping the instrument of the Cross," he told me. "It puts the children off religion."

Yet oddly, one of the hymns in Mr Holbrook's new collection is the American Negro spiritual, "Were You There?" which includes the lines—

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the Tree?
Were you there when they pierced His side?

And another spiritual, "Mercy's Free," which is going in—

What's this that in my soul
Is rising?
Is it grace? Is it grace?
Which makes me keep for
mercy crying,
Is it grace? Is it grace?

'Misleading'

In his search for the dispassionate, impersonal, and unemotional, Mr Holbrook has approached Benjamin Britten to compose some new hymns for his book.

He is also considering organising a composition contest for the best modern hymns suitable for children.

I look forward to hearing both Mr Britten's contributions and the contest winners.

But what is wrong with "All Things Bright and Beautiful"? To me, it has always seemed the perfect children's hymn—its words are simple, joyful, and the melody is pleasing.

But Mr Holbrook is adamant. "It is misleading," he says. "If all things are bright and beautiful, who made the slugs?"

(London Express Service).



"THERE GOES MR. K'S BANQUET"

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British drug gets £100,000 'look-see'

AMERICAN firms have paid nearly £100,000 for a "look-see" at the technical secrets of a new British penicillin-type drug called cephalosporin.

If they decide to manufacture it they will have to pay a further £100,000—and royalties on every ounce they produce.

This is the first major result of the Government's decision to prevent the pirating of British discoveries. Britain's failure to patent penicillin lost the nation billions of dollars in royalties.

The money has been paid to the National Research Development Corporation which has been financing the experiments and has patented the findings. Further "look-see" payments

are expected from European and Japanese manufacturers.

11 YEARS

Cephalosporin, which is extracted from a mould, has been brought to the stage of being a drug of "exceptional promise" after 11 years' work by a team led by Sir Howard Florey, the penicillin pioneer, and Dr E. P. Abraham, at Oxford University.

It may be especially valuable in the treatment of illnesses where penicillin fails.

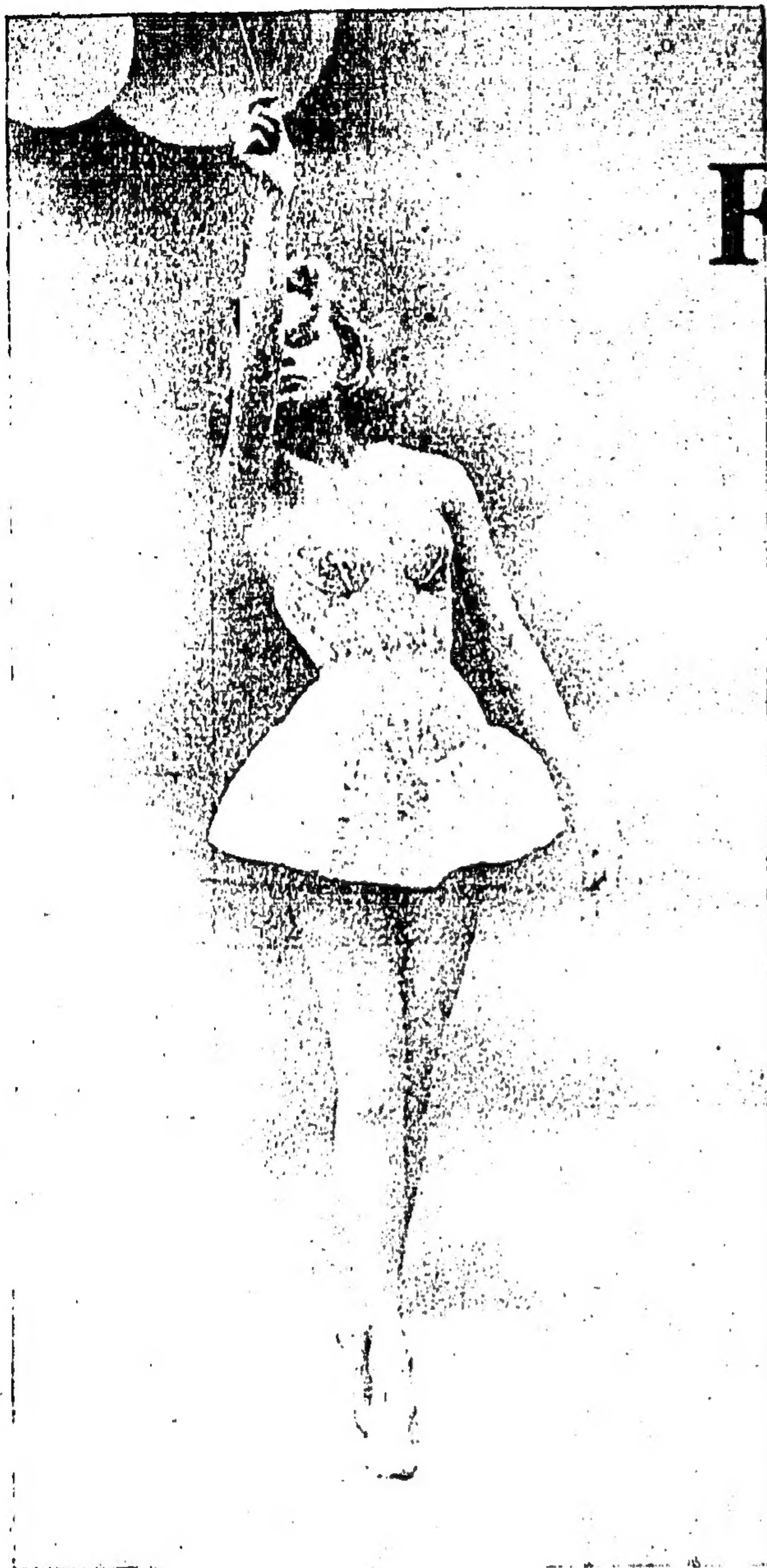
Two British firms, Glaxo and Distillers, have taken up the home market production rights on cephalosporin.

(London Express Service).

WOMANSENSE

The Featherweights Float in...

FASHION PAGE by Jill Butterfield



Lightweight, lightly boned corselette with detachable straps and its own frilly basque. By Lejaby.

WHAT is the fashion stamp of the year? It could well be a postage stamp. For the clothes making news are featherweight dresses you can fold into an envelope and send through the mail—sneaks you can squash into a pocket and never notice the weight. What is more, they look pretty doing it. The up-and-coming colour for underwear, a Mayfair corset buyer tells me, is blue.

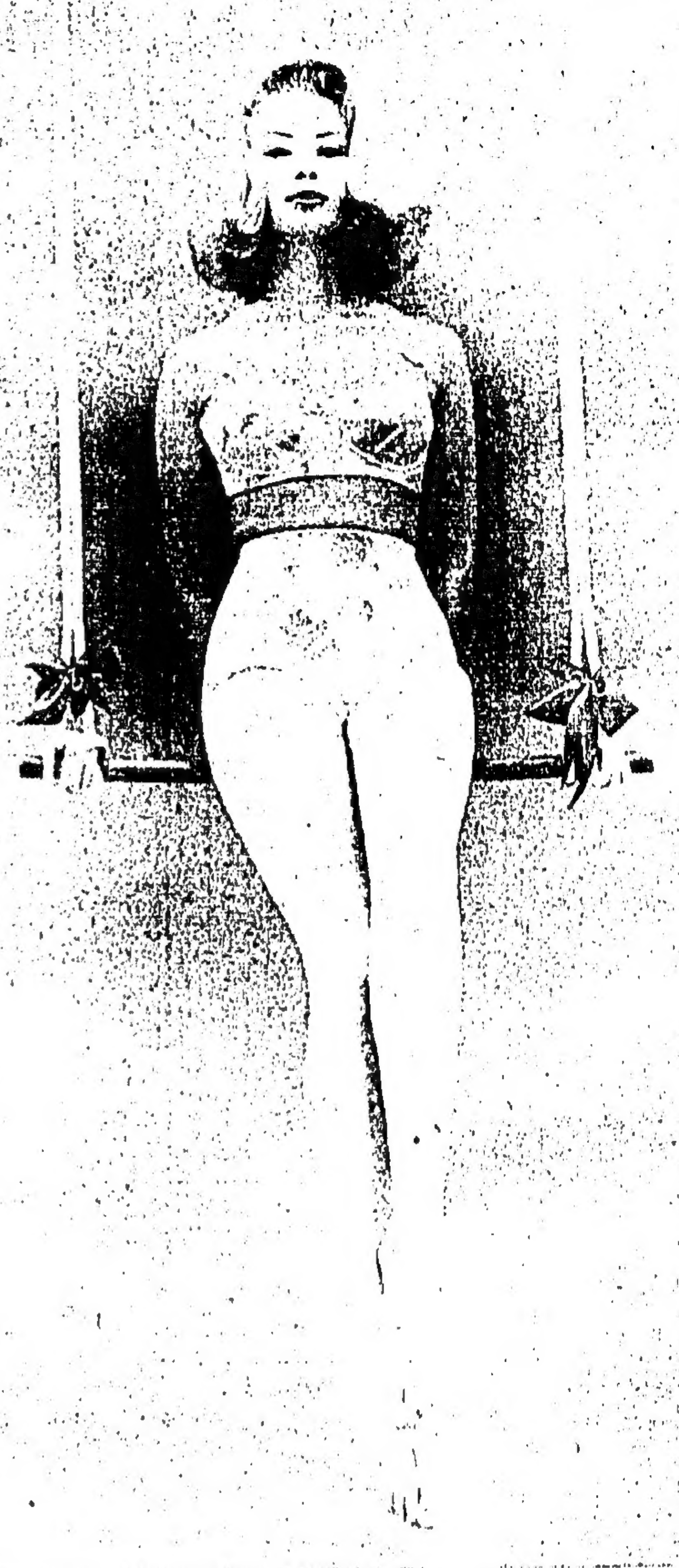
Shoes which weigh as little as a bar of chocolate are coming in lace, shantung, woven mesh, and unlined calf. Flattery silk, once reserved for the luxury level, has got cheaper. Its use more varied. This year you can buy silk dressing gowns, swim suits, sun hats, and sweaters for the price you paid for their cotton equivalents last year.

According to my letter scale, the lightest summer sweaters in man-made fabrics are made of Crylcr, with Orion and Banlon merely nances behind.

We groaned with padding (the bra's) doing nothing to enhance the padding (ours). Nowadays man-made fibres—woven elastics, nylon nets and laces, and a newcomer called Lycra—do twice the controlling job at half the weight. What is more, they look pretty doing it. The up-and-coming colour for underwear, a Mayfair corset buyer tells me, is blue.

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Lightweight pantie girdle with detachable suspenders and matching bra. By Triumph.

LADY LUCK

your CHINA MAIL horoscope

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

AQUARIUS (11) (January 21-February 19): A much older person may not share your attitude towards spending, but you should insist on your own way on this special occasion.

PISCES (7) (February 20-March 20): No matter what your personal opinion may be, try to be tactful today when asked for advice by a person in an obviously agitated state.

ARIES (6) (March 21-April 19): You may not find a great deal of encouragement at work for an original idea of yours, but you ought to go ahead with it just the same.

TAURUS (8) (April 20-May 20): By being pliable and adjusting your ideas to those of a colleague, you will develop a very useful collaboration.

GEMINI (2) (May 21-June 21): Take advantage of an invitation of long standing and spend the evening forgetting your work and your worries.

CANCER (9) (June 22-July 21): Resist the temptation to speculate on a risky transaction. It's better to play safe than be sorry afterwards.

LEO (5) (July 22-August 21): Some anticipated good news may be slow in arriving. But it won't be long now before you get it.

VIRGO (1) (August 22-September 22): If high praise from an unexpected source will give you a great incentive to carry on the good work.

LIBRA (12) (September 23-October 22): Be careful what you say today to a very sensitive person. If your remarks are misunderstood they may be deeply resented.

SCORPIO (3) (October 23-November 21): If someone interferes with a definite arrangement you have made, you had better take him severely to task to ensure an end of his meddling.

SAGITTARIUS (10) (November 22-December 21): If you have some fault to find with a subordinate, discuss the matter calmly and suggest a proper remedy; high-handed tactics will not have the desired effect.

CAPRICORN (4) (December 22-January 20): The journey which you planned for the end of the month will turn out to be inconveniently timed, and you had better postpone it.

YOUR LUCKY NUMBER: Count the letters in your first name and add the total to the number shown in brackets after your sign of the Zodiac. This is your lucky number for the week.

JACOBY on BRIDGE

A LOT of bridge players get a leered when someone mentions coups, squeezes and end plays. Some of these plays are complicated enough to stump most experts; others so simple as to be almost automatic.

You find yourself in three-trump after a spade overall by West. He opens the queen of diamonds and dummy's king holds the trick.

You note that six clubs would have been a cinch since you could draw trumps and discard one of dummy's spades on your fourth heart, but you are in three-trump and can count 11 top tricks. Also, you can assume that West has the king of spades because of his vulnerable overall, so the spade finesse won't work, but you

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SOFTBALL REVIEW

One star enlivened an otherwise routine playing season

By OLLY VAS

The Senior softball league got under way in mid-September 1959 with six teams competing for the Commissioner's trophy.

Each team had to fulfil a fixture of two rounds with five games in each. The Braves under Ed Carvalho were tipped to retain the title won last year with the Cheyenne, managed by Robert Remedios offering the strongest opposition.

The Saints' late entry was accepted and their participation in the league must surely constitute some sort of local softball record for they have been in the thick of it for as long as anyone cares to remember.

Then there were the two Chinese teams, the Pandas and South China, both experimenting with promising youngsters in team-rebuilding and as usual the U.S. Navy entered too. They were represented by the various shipyards in port on and off, mainly the "Herville", "Chilow" and the "Mantou".

The season got off to a good start when the Pandas edged the SCAA nine 3-2 and later when the Saints shut out the Navy 5-0. The Braves had a comfortable win over South China 4-1 but the Cheyennes had their supporters worried with a late rally to beat the Pandas.

SEASON'S THRILLER
It became apparent after a month or so of league competition that the teams to watch out for would be strictly the Braves and Cheyennes with the others of minor value only for despite some tight-scoring games the fans had little to enthuse over. We had to wait till December 13, 1959 to witness the season's thriller when the top two teams clashed.

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Spring cleaning for UK athletics
By Our Own Correspondent
London, Apr. 20.
Cigar smoking Phil Gale is off to a good start with his plan to reorganise athletics. Fifty five years old, a retired engineer, he has just been appointed honorary treasurer of the Amateur Athletic Association and his first reaction as an official is that the sport needs a spring cleaning.

His main object is to transform the national A.A.A. into a United Kingdom Association incorporating all the Home Countries, while as treasurer he has his eye on that £2,574 deficit the A.A.A. sustained last year.

After 75 minutes of argument and three unsuccessful amendments at the annual general meeting, Mr Gale had his scheme to investigate the possibilities of a combined association endorsed by an overwhelming majority.

Mr Ernest Clynnes, still insists that the A.A.A. is as efficiently organised as any national sporting body and that no investigation is needed.

STAR PLAYER
Without a doubt the star of the Senior league was Dave Muller. He pitched consistently giving up four hits per game to the opposition and his batting was good enough to drive in vital runs, notably against South China when the champions beat 2-1, with Muller registering a home run and driving in the other run with a sharp single.

Speedy Manuel Xavier, another nominee for the MVP, made a fine debut in Senior softball and ended up high in the batting race.

The runners-up the Braves had an indifferent season. They suffered only two setbacks, both at the hands of the Cheyennes but it might have been another story altogether had Pedroso showed up for the second-round game against the champions and if the team showed heavier hitting power. Frankly this was the poorest Braves' team in years.

Monel Dayaram showed a nice turn of speed in the outfield and the reliable "Tiger" Hussain had a good season at second base. As for Vic Pedroso his pitching has lost a lot of its sting. Defensively the team was second to none but it is batting strength which wins games and this they did not have.

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LIMBERING UP FOR ITALY—Four of the seven possibles for Britain's Olympic show-jumping team who are currently undergoing training at Arundel Castle, home of the Duke and Duchess of Norfolk. Left to right: they are Ann Townsend, David Barker, Pat Smythe and David Broome.—Express photo.

PI Davis Cup team confident of beating Japan

Manila, Apr. 20.
The Philippines' Davis Cup team will battle the Japanese squad late this week with an anxious eye trained on India.

English 11 to meet Yugoslavia

London, Apr. 20.
Clayton of Blackburn was picked today to captain England in its soccer match on May 11 against Yugoslavia in Wembley Stadium.

Here is the lineup: Springfield (Sheffield Wednesday), Armstrong (Blackpool), Wilson (Huddersfield), Clutton (Blackburn), Swan (Sheffield Wednesday), Plovers (Wolverhampton), Douglas (Blackburn), Haynes (Barnsley), Baker (Hibernian), Greaves (Chelsea), Charlton (Manchester).

Substitutes: Hodgkinson (Sheffield United), Howe (West Bromwich Albion), Knapp (Leicester), Robson (West Bromwich Albion), Connolly (Burnley), Vollet (Manchester United).

The same lineup was expected to make up the England team which will play Spain and Hungary in a continental tour at season's end.

England will play Spain on May 10 in Madrid and Hungary on May 22 in Budapest. In its last outings in those two cities England drew one-all with Spain in 1955 and lost 1-7 to Hungary in 1954.—AFP.

S. Africans at practice
London, Apr. 20.
Conrad Hunt, the West India Test cricketer who plays for England in the Lancashire League, watched the South African tour last night for two hours at Lord's today. Afterwards, he chatted with the players.

Three of the South Africans—John Walter and Alton McKinnon (bruised fingers) and Hugh Toyfield (sore knee)—had slight injuries yesterday but were fit enough to practice.

Tonight the South Africans were to attend a reception at South Africa house.—AFP.

Ireland wins

Dublin, Apr. 20.
Ireland beat Holland 3-2 after leading 4-1 at half time in the second leg of the Olympic qualifying round here today.—AFP.

UK soccer

Scottish League II
East Stirling 4, Cowdenbeath 1.
Forfar Athletic 2, East Fife 1.
Morton 1, Falkirk 1.
Queen's Park 0, Stranraer 1.
Reuter.

Newcomer shows form in pro golf

New Orleans, Apr. 20.
Despite the presence of some of golf's big names, a fledgling from South Africa today demanded some attention on the eve of the \$27,000 Greater New Orleans Open.

Harold Henning, mother in the line of fine golfers from South Africa, came in with a three-under-par 68 in the pro-amateur that precedes the Open.

The 25-year-old Henning is trying his hand for the first time against the touring pros.

FAVOURITE
But most of the favourite talk centred around quiet, methodical Dow Finsterwald. The American pro is well on his game, as evidenced by a second-place finish in the Greensboro, North Carolina, Open over the weekend.

Others believed close to the throne room included British Open Champion Gary Player of South Africa and Bob Goalby and Mike Souchak, both Americans.

Defending champion Bill Collins wasn't mentioned among the first flight, but he said he found the City Park course in better shape than last year.

Collins has not done very well on this year's tour.—AP.

Chess tourney in Britain
Bognor Regis, Apr. 20.
The Bognor Regis International Chess Tournament was formally opened today by Sir Clarence Sadd, President of the British Chess Federation.

Some 300 players from throughout the world were to compete in the famed competition in this South England resort.

Fifty were signed up for the main event, which started today and would be played over 10 rounds based on the Swiss pairing system.

Three contestants withdrew from the main event, Israeli master M. Czerniak, ex-British women's champion E. Trauer and A. White, of Gloucester.—AFP.

School boxing
Greene Johnson (Peak School) beat Jomo Ghommar (Kowloon Junior) in the inter-school junior boxing display put on by the Billy Tizard Athletic Institute yesterday.

171 U.S. ATHLETES REACH OLYMPIC QUALIFYING MARKS

New York, Apr. 20.
Twenty four names have been added to the list of American athletes who have come up to the qualifying standards for the Rome Olympic Games this summer.

The two most notable marks of the weekend, as announced by the United States Olympic Committee yesterday were: 13.6 by Hayes Jones of Eastern Michigan in the 120 yard high hurdles—best of the year to far—and the time of 20.2 by Charles Tidwell of Kansas for 220 yards around one curve.

(However, the track at Abilene Christian college, where Tidwell raced, was found to be to be 5 feet, 2 inches short of 220 yards. His name probably will be taken off the list the next time Olympic officials meet.)

STEEPLECHASE
In all, 171 athletes have met the qualifying standard for the games in 15 of the Olympic events. No one yet has made the grade in the 1,500, 5,000, 10,000 metres run, and 3,000 metres steeplechase.

Athletes still must make the United States team in the final tryouts as well as meet the qualifying standards.

The leaders in each event as announced by the committee were:

100 metres, Bobby Morrow, Abilene (Texas) Track Club, 10.2.
100 yards, Ray Norton, Santa Clara (California) Youth Village, 10.3.
200 metres, Ray Norton, Santa Clara Youth Village, 20.1.
Charles Tidwell, Kansas University, 20.2 (turn).
400 metres, Keith Thomassen and Don Ramos, Santa Clara Youth Village, 46.0.
800 metres, Ernie Cunliffe, Stanford, 1:47.3.

110 metre hurdles, Hayes Jones, Eastern Michigan, 1:14.9.
400 metre hurdles, Eddie Southern, Austin, Texas, 51.0.
High jump, John Thomas, Boston University, 7-2 1/2.
Pole vault, J. D. Martin, Oklahoma University, 15-7 1/4.
Shot put, Irv Belmont, Philadelphia Flyers, 29-9 1/4.
Hop-step-jump, Bill Sharpe, Shanahan Track Club, 51-4 1/4.
Shot put, Bill Nieder, U. S. Army, 65-7.

Discus throw, Fortune Gordien, Los Angeles Striders, 182-5 1/4.
Hammer throw, Harold Connolly, Los Angeles Striders, 221-0.
Javelin throw, Bob Shorston, Southern California, 256-7 1/2.
Decathlon, David Edstrom, Oregon University, 8176 points.—AP.

Issue arose over 494th home run
New York, Apr. 20.
An error in the old baseball record books created some doubt this week whether Ted Williams' 494th home run actually had surpassed the total of the late Lou Gehrig.

The Elias Baseball Statistical Bureau confirmed that Williams now is one homer ahead of Gehrig's total and clarified the situation for the benefit of fans.

At one point during recent years it was discovered that Gehrig had hit only 29 homers during the 1925 season, and not 21. That gave the famed New York Yankee's first baseman a lifetime total of 493 and not 494.

The change was officially rectified in 1958 by the major league records committee. However, some baseball reference books continued to carry an erroneous 494 total for Gehrig.

Williams' second homer of the young season was his 494th, and put him fourth on the all-time homer-hitting list.—UPI.

Asian Games preparation
Djakarta, Apr. 20.
The government has set up an ad hoc committee to deal with the financial side of building facilities for the fourth Asian Games, the PIA news agency reported today.

The Minister of Education and Culture was appointed the committee's chairman.

Information Minister M. Malsait declined after the government meeting to say how much would be spent on the Asian Games project now under way.—AFP.

Australia challenges U.S. to yacht race

New York, Apr. 20.
Commodore George R. Hinman of the New York Yacht Club announced today that he has received a challenge from Australia for a yacht race for the America's Cup in 1962.

The letter from the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron specified a race between yachts of the International 12-metre class, the same class that contested the 1958 America's Cup classic between the U.S. and England.

Other details of the proposed race, would be arranged by mutual consent of the two clubs.

In the last America's Cup race held, the American sloop Columbia retained the trophy by defeating the British Sceptre in four straight races. The America's Cup classic was revived in 1958 for the first time since 1937. The race was originated in 1852.

Acceptance of the challenge awaits the decision of a special meeting of the New York Yacht Club Board of Trustees, which Commodore Hinman has called for on April 28.—UPI.

HK invited to soccer tourney
Kuala Lumpur, Apr. 20.
The Football Association of Malaya has invited eight countries for the Fourth Merdeka (Independence) Soccer Tournament to be held here from July 30 to August 6.

They are Indonesia, Pakistan, South Vietnam, South Korea, Japan, Hongkong, Thailand and Singapore.

The F.A.M. will meet all the expenses of the invited teams including their air passages.

Pakistan, if they accept, will be playing in the tournament for the first time. Indonesia, and Thailand played in the first tournament in 1957 but were not invited last year.

India is the only country invited last year which has not been invited this year.—Reuter.

Grand Prix innovations
Frankfurt, Apr. 20.
Two innovations to the Nurburgring Automobile Grand Prix run on July 31 will give spectators a better view of the race with more cars competing than ever before.

The race is now limited to formula two cars which will speed along the 4 1/2 miles southern circuit in front of the stands.

In past events the race included the 14 miles northern circuit which took the drivers out of sight for at least ten minutes while the crowd impatiently awaited their return.

In excluding the formula one racers, the organisers are giving the bystanders a chance to see the "popular" makes competing, thereby giving the Grand Prix a bigger field and a more "open" race.—AFP.

Sweden-S. Africa Davis Cup match
Stockholm, Apr. 20.
Sweden's Tennis Federation announced today that the Davis Cup match between Sweden and South Africa will definitely take place here on April 29 in May 1.

Sweden's Sports Federation, in an advisory capacity, had voted against the match in protest against apartheid in South Africa.—AFP.

THE GAMBOLS

By Barry Appleby



AIR-INDIA



"But when in JAPAN, do as the Japanese do."

MILESTONES OF SPORT

WHEN BRITAIN BEAT THE REST OF EUROPE

By ARCHIE QUICK

One of the happiest birthday presents I have ever received was in 1947 and it was Great Britain's six goals to one victory over the Rest of Europe.

Hampden Park, Glasgow, was packed with 120,000 people, and there was a huge contingent from the Continent.

With such fabulous players as Sweden's Gunnar Nordahl and Adolf Gren, Wilkes, the Dutch star, the great Parola, Italian centre half, the French goal-keeper Da Rui, our old Swiss friend Albert Steffen, for several seasons, a Czech stalwart, the Danes Frost and Petersen, Laimbrechts, of Belgium, the Czech Ludi — and Johnny Carey, of Blackburn Rovers and Elre, to captain them the foreign line-up was formidable.

But what a team Great Britain fielded, thought! Inimitable Frank Swift guarded the goal, covered by George Hardwick, and Billy Hughes. There was a grand half back trio of Archie Macaulay, Jackie Vernon and Ronnie Burgess, and an attack made up of Stanley Matthews, Willie Mannion, Tommy Lawton, Billy Steel and Billy Liddell. Five Englishmen, three Scots, two Welshmen and an Irishman.

What would the eleven of them cost in the transfer market today and it is only 13 years since the match took place?

STILL ACTIVE

Where are they now? Swift died in the Munich air disaster. Hardwick is a North East Coast journalist and Football Association coach. Hughes is managing Rhyll Town. Macaulay is in charge at Norwich City. Vernon is a butcher in Belfast, and Burgess manages Watford.

The two wingers, Matthews and Liddell, glory be, are still active with Blackpool and Liverpool. Steel is playing in the

United States. Mannion was, until recently a publican at Stevenage New Town but is now working at a Luton motor factory and Lawton keeps a hotel in Nottingham. And the referee, George Rother, is now a director of Southampton Football Club.

The whole game revolved around Ludi's inability to keep Matthews in subjection. His pinpointed centres, after creating openings by his astonishing ball control, allowed Lawton to head the first-half goals while he provided another for Mannion.

After half-time Carey gallantly switched himself from right half to left half to mark the elusive Matthews, and, knowing his style better, he made a more workmanlike job of it than the hapless Czech.

WORLD CLASS

Nevertheless, Steel got another goal. Mannion netted a penalty, and harrassed Parola put one past his own goalkeeper. Almost on time Nordahl found a way round Vernon and scored a fine solo goal which had the stamp of his world class about it.

It was a great day for the British and the partisan Scottish crowd really let itself go when the final whistle blew.

To complete the weekend both teams were taken on a motor coach tour of Loch Lomond and the Trossachs and I have a lasting memory of poor Frank Swift — the licensed jester of all football parties — stealthily stalking a red deer on the bonny Banks and Braes near Inverness.

NEW FARM, NEW CRICKET COUNTRY AND A NEW OUTLOOK
Richardson leaves the wilderness

By JOHN CLARKE

London, Apr. 20.

WHAT has a year in the wilderness done to Peter Richardson, the former England opener, who this year qualifies from the start of the season to play for Kent in the county championship?

I think we may see a new Richardson, one from whom the doubts and uncertainties that beset him on the last Australian tour have gone. A Richardson not only adding power to Kent's batting, but in the running for an England place again.

Last summer, Richardson, apart from one or two representative games, played mainly for Kent's second eleven. The experience has invigorated him. When I talked to him at Tenterden, where he and his attractive wife Shirley, former BOAC air hostess, are living for

the time being, he seemed to me to have the zest for cricket that a boy has for whom the game is rationed to a meagre summer term.

ENTHUSIASM

Richardson said: "I think that last summer I played like I did some years ago. I seemed to get my enthusiasm right back to where it used to be. And if you haven't enthusiasm, you can't give of your best."

"We had some fine games in the second team, the wickets were good, and we faced bowlers who were playing hard to get into their first teams. And, though it is never nice to make a 'duck', it was pleasant to know that if you did, word of it would not immediately be flashed round the world."

"Playing all the year round so much (Richardson has been in cricket action overseas each winter from 1955-56 until this year), I had lost all sense of seasons. Now I really feel I want to get out my bat again."

DEFICIENCIES

"Last season, too, I think I was able to sort out certain deficiencies in my cricket. I did not have a great tour in Australia, but I think I benefited from it. Since then I have been able to put several things right."

Richardson, an occasional smoker, but smoking rather more than occasionally as he tried to explain how he felt, went on to talk of his double transition—from Worcester to Kent, and from amateur and county captain to professional player.

On both counts he feels pretty good. When it became known that he would be leaving Worcester, although several counties

were promptly after him, Kent was the county of his own choice—partly because of his friendship with Colin Cowdrey, and partly because, as Richardson says: "I was always happy at Worcester, and Kent is rather the same kind of county to live. And if you are making a move, that is important."

'THE SAME WAY'

"After all the places where you play is going to be your home and you want to be happy. As well as that, Kent and Worcester have always seemed to me to play cricket in the same way."

He has found little difference between playing as an amateur and a professional. But one thing has helped in the general transition—the attitude of the Kent players. In some counties a star from afar might have been looked on askance. In Kent, Richardson has received a warm welcome.

In May, Richardson moves into a farm he has bought at Headcorn which he will farm himself.

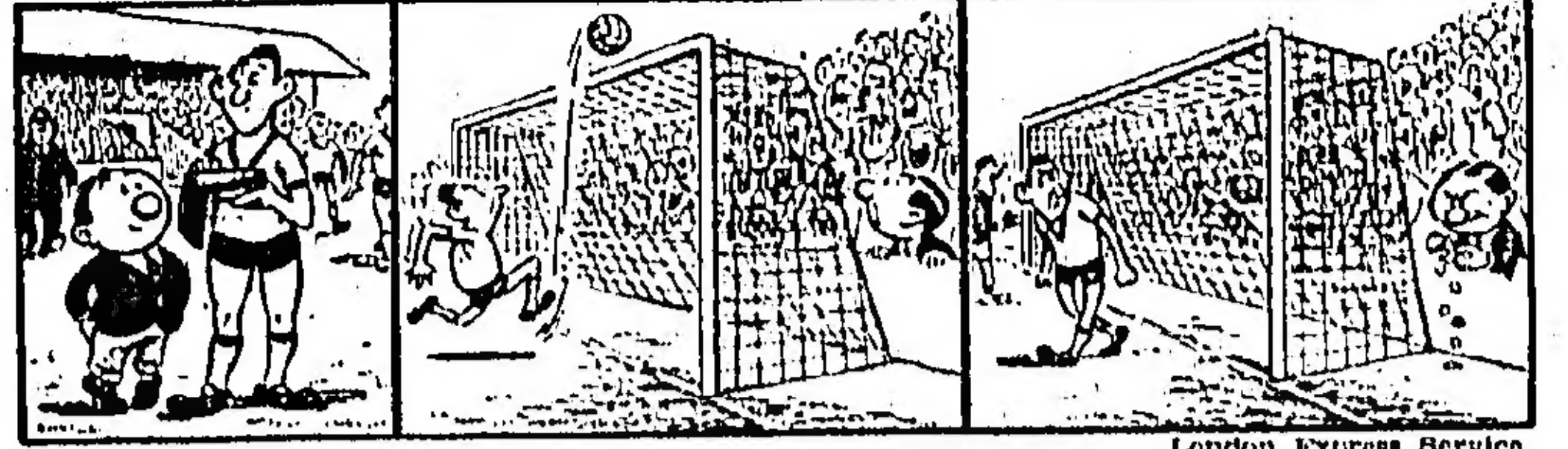
Although county cricket and farming may occupy much of his mind there is still a place for Test cricket: "I look at Test cricket this way," he said. "It is the best sort of cricket and anyone with any ambition wants to play for England. I have ambition. One hopes."

Coming from Worcester there seems to Richardson to be only one slight drawback about Kent. "In Worcester we were used to playing on one ground," he said. "It will be strange here to have a good many home matches on different grounds. It will be like playing away all the time."

(London Express Service).

SPORTING SAM

by Reg. Wootton



London Express Service.

Leicester are keen on Terry Bly

By CAPEL KIRBY

London, Apr. 20.

REMEMBER Terry Bly? Leicester City contemplate making a bid for this hero of Norwich City's fabulous attempt to be the first Third Division team to get to Wembley.

In unhappy contrast to just over a year ago when his golden goal-snatching made him the most headline footballer in the country, Bly is now leading the reserve team attack.

It was in this capacity that a Leicester scout saw him score two goals at Watford recently which could add up to promotion for Norwich to the first division of the Football Combination.

FORGOTTEN HERO

The Filbert Street representative also saw Watford's second string centre-forward, John Fairbrother, snap up a goal which boosted his season's Combination total to 34.

Only the other day I told you that in their efforts to secure a centre-forward marksman Leicester were prepared to offer Derek Hines as a replacement. I can now tell you that Norwich

wouldn't be interested in any such proposition.

Bly has more footballing years ahead of him than the Leicester player, and time is likely to prove that far from being the forgotten hero of Carrow Road he could well regain his deadly shooting for Norwich in Second Division football next season.

CHALLENGE

Norwich are now well on the way to promotion and nobody is more relieved outside East Anglia than former Everton and Ireland winger Tommy Eplington, who after playing against them for Tranmere last August was quoted as saying: "If Norwich don't win this division with a bit to spare, I'm a Dutchman and will eat my hat."

By early December the Irishman must have had visions of having to tackle the tough and unpalatable dish because November was a particularly bad month for the Canaries.

Due to delayed reaction from last season's history-making Cup run, there was no sign of the depression lifting until manager Archie Macaulay let it be



● TERRY BLY, Norwich's Cup hero last season, is now leading the reserve team attack. Leicester City are likely to make a bid for him.

GOOD MOVE

JOE MERCER has money to spend on preparations for the return of First Division football to Villa Park next season. Experiencing difficulty in getting clubs to part with the class of player he wants, Villa's manager will soon be able to cross an inside-right off his shopping list. If Gordon Lee keeps up his present rate of progress in the position,

Originally a wing half-back, later operating at full-back, Lee's switch to the attack was due to the keen observation of assistant-manager Dick Taylor. All Joe Mercer seems to have got from his talent-spotting mission to Scotland last week was a sore throat which put him out of action when he arrived back.

LEAVING VILLA

BE prepared for surprising departure from Villa Park when replacements have been required. One player already on the open-to-transfer list is Walter Hazledan, the inside-left or centre-forward, who at a very early age was reckoned by Eric Houghton to be an international prospect. If he still thinks so Hazledan is likely to be snapped up by Nottingham Forest.

Three years ago I saw the six-footer from Wigan make his League debut. Then only 16, he looked so confidently competent that it's puzzling to find him marking time instead of making more progress towards regular first-team status.

World-famous coach Jimmy Hargan once described Hazledan to me as another "Pongo" Waring in the making. What's gone wrong?

Sports Diary

TO-DAY

1st Division: South China v KMB (12.30 p.m.)
2nd Division: South China v KMB (2.30 p.m.)
3rd Division: C & W v HK Gas (2.30 p.m.)
4th Division: C & W v HK Gas (2.30 p.m.)
5th Division: C & W v HK Gas (2.30 p.m.)
6th Division: C & W v HK Gas (2.30 p.m.)
7th Division: C & W v HK Gas (2.30 p.m.)
8th Division: C & W v HK Gas (2.30 p.m.)
9th Division: C & W v HK Gas (2.30 p.m.)
10th Division: C & W v HK Gas (2.30 p.m.)

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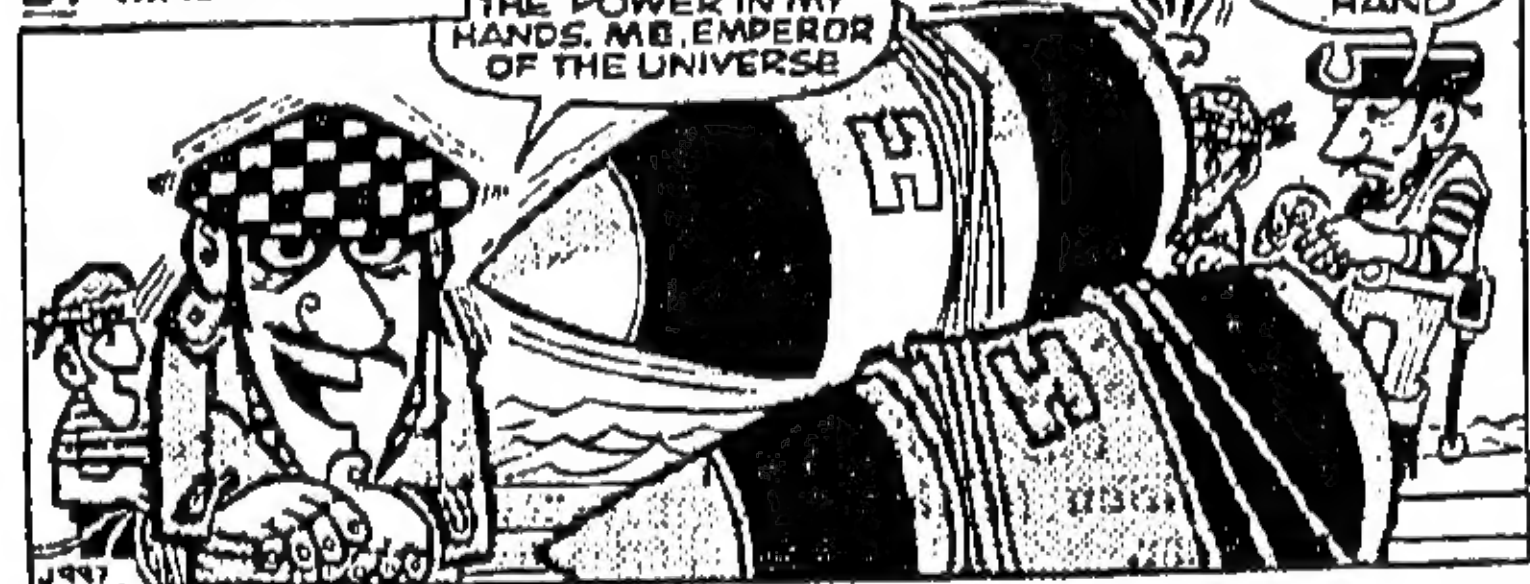
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THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 1960.

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PICTORIAL PARADE

RIGHT: The Honorable Judge Marshall M. Porter, Imperial Chief Rabbi of the Shrine of North America, daughter, Mrs. Edmund S. Marshall, Mrs. Porter and Mr. Marshall arrived in Hongkong for a week's vacation from Calgary, Canada. Noble Porter and party were met by Hongkong shriners led by President C. D. Su.

BELOW: Soon at the China Underwriters dinner at the Tai Tung Restaurant (l-r) were Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Griffiths, Mr. E. W. Wilmott and Mr. George C. Woo.



ABOVE: Manila's top film actress, Rosa Rosal, arrived this week for a seven-day holiday after attending the Seventh Asian Film Festival in Tokyo. She is greeted here with a bouquet of flowers by Mrs. Pacita Roads (right), an old friend.

LEFT: A scene at the celebration of the Tin Hau Festival at the Tin Hau Temple in Tai Mui.



ABOVE: Mrs. Marjorie Saint is in Britain to talk about life with her husband's killers. Mrs. Saint, pictured here with her 11-year-old daughter Kathy in London, is the widow of an American missionary murdered by Ecuador Indians. Since the murder she has made her home amongst them. She says: "The Indians thought we were trying to harm them. Now I am carrying on my husband's work."

LEFT: Her mouth gapes in surprise as 22-year-old Joan Boardman of Wallasey, Cheshire, hears that she has been picked from 32 finalists as Miss England 1960 in London. Her prize will include a trip to New York and selection as the British contestant in the Miss Universe competition in the USA this year.

From the Files
25 years AGO

April, 1935

MR. A. J. P. Heard, the well-known local jockey, is leaving the Colony for Europe this afternoon on board the Conte Verde, after a residence in the Far East extending over a period of 36 years.

A search of the racing records reveals that Mr. Heard is probably the only jockey who has ridden in every race course in China.

He has won more races than any other jockey. It was in September 1902 that he won his first official race on a pony called Matador, belonging to Mr. V. R. Eckford and his last winning ride was in February this year on West Parade, belonging to Mr. F. Lobel, 33 years after his initial success.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to announce the death, which occurred last evening at his residence in Kowloon, of Mr. J. M. R. Xavier, accountant of the South China Morning Post Ltd.

He has been ailing for about a month and had been confined to his bed for the last three weeks.

SCM Post leader said: "The Government's move to widen the facilities for appeal from decisions of magistrates is welcome and is another indication of the humanity that has characterized Sir William Peel's policy throughout his term of office."

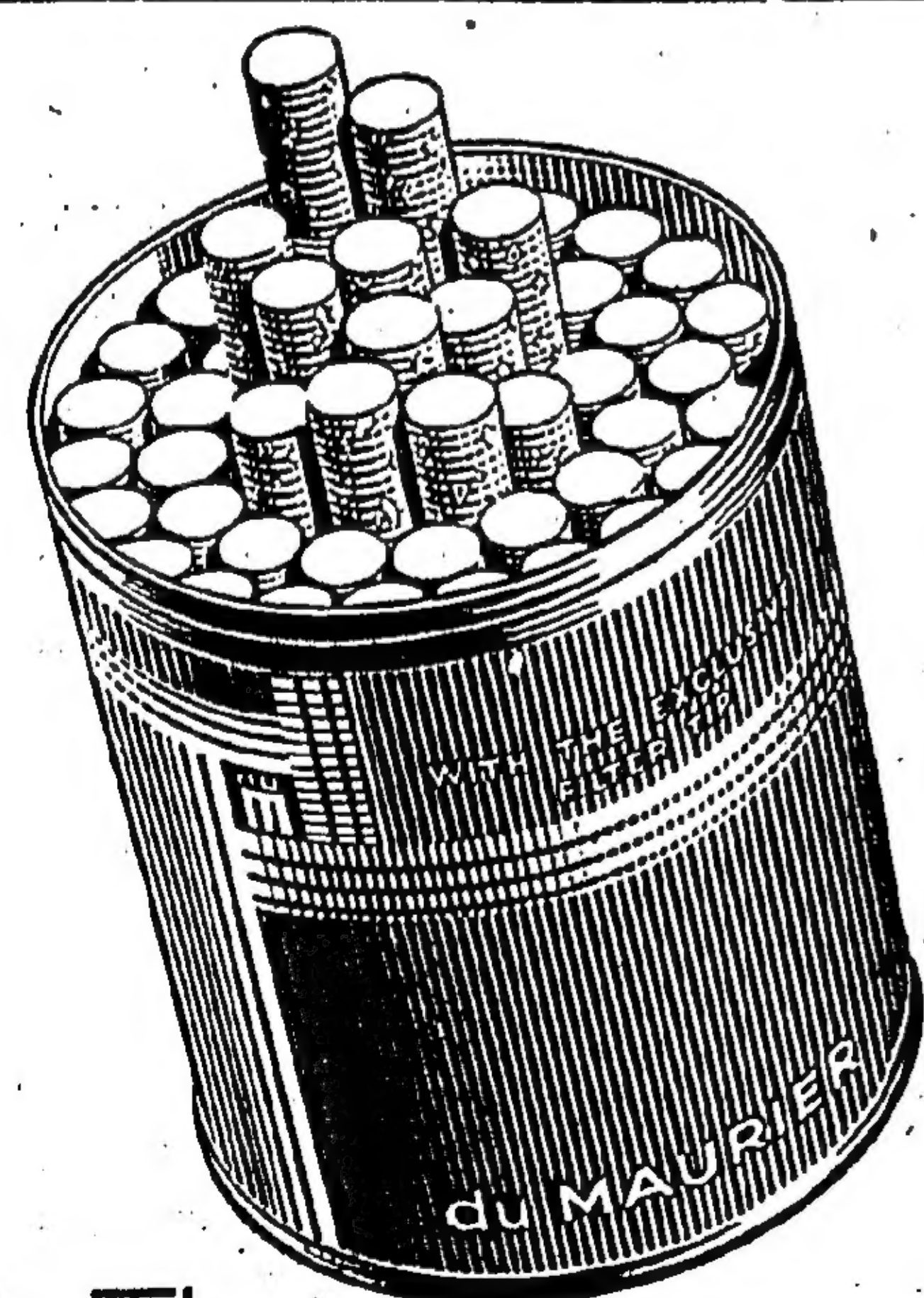
"It has, of course, been possible for many years for dissatisfied defendants to appeal. The process, however, has been complicated and the privilege limited, about with technical requirements making it inconvenient and costly."

"At home and in other parts of the Empire the law's processes have for some years been progressively simplified and Hongkong has lagged behind."

"It was only comparatively recently that a Court of Criminal Appeal was set up here — long after similar facilities were available in Britain — and the amendment now being introduced to ensure the Police Court defendant more fully of justice is a logical further step in liberalization of practice."

"The amending bill allows defendants to appear in person, without benefit of counsel."

Mr. W. H. Ball was yesterday nominated by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce as the representative on the Legislative Council in succession to Mr. C. Gordon Mackie, who left the Colony on retirement a few days ago.



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TV programmes

From time to time, I would like to give my opinions on local television in your correspondence column. Here is my first dealing with Monday night's programme.

An extension of Children's Hour came on the screen at 7.30 p.m. in the shape of Robin Hood and his merry men and for the next twenty-five minutes we had a fine example of medieval buffoonery which to the adult viewer was a waste of valuable screen time and, moreover, an excuse for the younger generation to stay up much longer than was necessarily good for them.

In Monday Variety we had Gerry (minus two handkerchiefs) D'Almada presenting the Sadler Trio and Ken Noyle. I have seen Ken perform many times (not in the Colony) and know what he can do with a "live" audience. Surely it wouldn't be too difficult for Rediffusion to invite some people along to the studios in order to give the performers and the viewers a break. The Sadler Trio combined very well and their act was marred only by the lack of sound effects. If, as I presume, they were dancing to recorded music, surely the sound of their tap dancing and hand clapping should have been audible to the viewers.

Our Monday Documentary turned out to be above average and coming as it did after reports of the disastrous fires which we have had recently in the Colony, it gave the viewers an insight into the problems which beset one of our public services.

Jock Sloan had one of his better nights while interviewing Mrs. Lawrence, the producer of "Pecor Gyn" and the actual scenes portrayed were extremely well done. The only point I think Mr. Sloan might have emphasized was the poster on which topic he opened the show. I'm sure there was space for it on the wall behind Mr. Sloan.

Our new style news (minus word pictures) appeared at 9.00 p.m. and both announcers performed their duties admirably. It isn't their fault that we don't have pictures of world news and I'm equally sure that they would prefer to give a commentary than appear before the critical eye of the camera for the extra time now required for the "oral" news bulletin.

The Gloria Swanson film which followed was just utter rubbish. To actually describe this drive in detail would take up far too much valuable space. Suffice it to say that material of this kind being proffered to the viewing public is an insult to our intelligence.

The Cantonese Feature was poor. Recently we read in the local press that the colony was one of the largest producers of films in the East. In that respect, surely we viewers are entitled to recent films and not the dated, nay ancient, performances to which we have become accustomed.

I. A. N.

Poker rules
With reference to DEAD-LOCKER's letter in Tuesday's issue of your esteemed Christian and sporting journal.

No expert I, but I do know the rules. However, since I can make no claim to authority in these matters it would be more seemly to cite accepted authority in this matter. Thus Mr. John Scarne, the author of "Scarne on Cards" and a recognized and certified scholar of these matters.

Showdown
When the final betting round is over, all active players, starting with the player who is being called and rotating to the left clockwise, must turn their hole cards face-up on the table for all the players to see. The player holding the highest-ranking hand wins the pot.

The curious or suspicious will find this reference on page 208 of the 5th printing, 1955.

PAT HAND.

WHY SIX WOMEN NEVER MARRIED

by DUDLEY FREEMAN

SCHOOLTEACHER Miss Winifred Bossy, a sprightly 65, agreed readily when a London education officer asked her not to retire. The reason she was pleased: she is helping to support a home in which there are five older sisters, all spinsters like herself. They have lived together all their lives.

They are: Mabel, 60, Isobel, 70, Ethel, 73, Marion, 71, Dorothy, 69, and Winifred, the "baby."

The Bossy sisters have spent the past 45 years in an Edwardian house at Springfield, near Walthamstow, E.

In the lounge, with portraits of the sisters when they were young round the walls, I asked Miss Dorothy Bossy why they had never married.

She told me that when an elder married sister died just before the First World War they decided to stay single to look after her five children.

Their resolve hardened a year or two later when the children's father died at the front in Flanders.

Doomed...

"You see, we had plenty of responsibilities even though we were single girls," Miss Dorothy Bossy explained. Besides, so many men were killed in the 1914 war that millions of girls were doomed to spinsterhood anyway."

Isobel and Winifred became teachers; Mabel joined St. Etheldreda's church at Highbury, where she worked for 30 years as an assistant secretary; and Ethel and Marion took secretarial jobs in the City.

Dorothy stayed at home. "One of us had to be housekeeper, and they chose me," she said.

After the five orphaned children grew up and took jobs, the Bossy sisters remained unchanged. Now only Ethel, Marion, and Winifred are still at work. Marion, at 71, makes a daily Tube journey to her office in Earls Court.

The sisters belonged to a Stoke Newington doctor's family of 10. After he died, his widow and the six remaining daughters moved to the house in Springfield.

Talking politics

Said Dorothy: "Of course we have had our differences. We all have independent points of view. But when you've lived together as long as we have you learn when to give way to keep the peace."

The sisters, all Roman Catholics, spend their evenings talking politics—they are strong Conservatives—or listening to Winifred playing Chopin on the family piano.

Said Isobel last night: "Although Mabel and I are retired, we have left it to the others to decide when to join us. They'll call it a day when they feel they've had enough. But there's plenty of life in all of us yet, you know!"

HAWAIIAN DANCER ON 4-DAY VISIT

Miss Concha Hughes, well-known Hawaiian lecturer and dancer who bears to name of Kei-oi-Kuinihuan in her native land, is scheduled to arrive in the Colony tomorrow for a four-day visit.

Miss Hughes, travelling on a United States Specialist Grant, has just concluded a successful tour of Europe during which she lectured on Hawaiian music and illustrated her talks with authentic native dances.

While in the Colony she will give a performance for college students of the Hongkong Baptist College in the Pui Ching Middle School auditorium tomorrow at 8 p.m. and another in the same auditorium on Monday morning at 8.30 p.m.

She will also appear on television and radio.

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Drugged darts for Yeti

Hobart, Apr. 20.

Sir Edmund Hillary revealed today that his September expedition to the Himalayas to seek the "abominable snowman" will be equipped with drug-shooting guns and flash cameras with trip-wires.

"I am personally sceptical about the existence of the Yeti in the popularly suggested form, but our expedition will be well prepared to establish what sort of creature it really is," Hillary said.

"A Yeti is significant we will fire a sleep-producing hypodermic needle at it from a drug gun. We also will set up flash cameras with trip-wires, hoping the 'Yeti' will stumble over them."

The expedition, which will beat through the high valleys west of Mt. Everest, also will study human acclimatization at high altitudes.—UPI.